HAPPY HOLIDAYS

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North Scott Seeks Entrance To North Central Association

North Scott faculty and advisors are presently engaged in gathering necessary data to become an accredited high school as a North Central member.

The North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools is a voluntary, non-incorporated association of secondary schools and colleges which was founded in 1895. The organization has an interest in improvement and extension of educational opportunity in the area which it serves.

The aims and objectives of the North Central Association are (a) development and maintenance of member schools; (b) improvement of educational programs of instruction; (c) encouragement of such improvement through a scientific and professional approach to educational programs; (d) encouragement and establishment of cooperative relations between high schools and colleges; (e) maintenance of effective working relationships with other educational organizations and accrediting agencies throughout the United States.

Benefits realized by a North Central member may be the advantageous position a graduate of a North Central accredited high school has when applying for admission to college or a wider range of services available to pupils and community. As a member of the association, the school is able to participate in various projects for improvement of secondary education. Prestige is also gained.

To become a member, report blanks in several fields must be thoroughly filled out. Areas where emphasis is placed are qualifications and preparation of teachers; departmental, i.e. English, math, etc., surveys in which each teacher in each respective department participates; the building and facilities; pupil population in the area; and educational background of parents. Educational needs of the community; program of studies; library, especially the number and quality of volumes; guidance program; and the activities program are also considered.

A COMMITTEE OF SIX TO EIGHT men from the North Central Association will evaluate the "ins and outs" of North Scott in January.

Once these report blanks are completed, they are sent to the Chairman of the State Committee where they are studied by the chairman and other committee members. Representatives from member schools then visit applicants for evaluation purposes. Acceptance or rejection, which is based on the reports and evaluation visit, is voted upon at the Annual Meeting held in Chicago in March.

North Scott faculty members and administrators are presently filling out departmental survey sheets; Mr. Heiler is recording data on qualifications and preparation of teachers. Report blanks in the remaining fields are to be filled out soon.

In January, after Dr. MacAdam, Iowa State Committee Chairman, has studied reports of North Scott, he and five or six additional committee members will sit in on classes, student council meetings, evaluate the building, personnel, and general program for two days. They will report at the Annual Meeting their recommendations as to membership.

Mr. Heiler related, "By the end of March, we should know whether North Scott has gained the prestige of being accepted by the North Central Association."

1-Act Plays To Be Presented

Three one-act plays will be presented in accordance with North Scott's speech activities at 7:30 in the gymnasium.

To be presented are **"Mary of Scotland"**, a drama in Elizabethean costume; **"Antic Spring"**, a comedy; and **"Four on a Heath"**, an unusual drama taking place entirely between three men who have been executed by hanging.

All three plays will be held on January 13, and will be rated by judges. The best of the three will go on to Iowa High School Speech Association in competition.

Casts are as follows:

"Four on a Heath", Allan Kirby, Mike Keehner, Jim Pancratz, and Dan Koch; "Mary of Scotland", Bev Amhof, Ann Lage, Marsha Koch, Melva Lafrenz, and Larry Stoltenberg; "Antic Spring", Fred Volbeer, Fran Kreiter, Virginia Pollock, Denny Koch, Mike Auliff, and Sandy Ewoldt.

The plays are open to the public, and Mr. Sible, director, states, "Everyone is urged to attend." The admission charge will be fifty cents.

Merry Christmas From Khrushchev

— Zita Madden —

Christmas has again arrived with the conventional carols, cards, church services, trees, and gifts. Throughout the world countries and nations will be lying in awe and silence before the majestic event that had come to pass and is celebrated each year on December 25th. With the passing of the holidays they will renew their efforts for world peace and comradeship.

It is for each of us to do his part in this time of uncertainty when world tension increases each day. With the last frontiers for democracy fast diminishing, one could well expect to find a rocket in his back yard on Christmas morning. Just a little gift from Mr. K. over there in Russia who just couldn't forget anyone on Christmas Eve. This, of course, is doubtful as he holds little stock in Christmas. Perhaps he would feature himself humoring a country he intends to subdue shortly.

On the other hand we should be thankful for statesmen such as President Eisenhower who has just strengthened the ties that bind the United States with many European and Asian countries. Considering the welcome he received throughout his tour, one can hardly believe democracy is fighting a losing battle. Perhaps we ought to do more to let Mr. Khrushchev know that that's how we Americans feel.

So let's all have a very happy Christmas, and hope Santa Claus doesn't leave too many guns, tanks, soldiers ,and rockets in Christmas stockings, to instill into America's children a love of modern nuclear warfare and rocketery.

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Old Fashion Christmas

"Grandpa, tell me what Christmas was was like when you were a boy," pleaded the little boy as he crawled up on his Grandpa's knee. "Tell me please!"

"Well son, that was a long, long, time ago," mused Grandpa, as he started turning back time.

"Christmas Eve would find us sitting before the warm, cozy, fireplace stringing popcorn and cranberries to decorate the tall fir tree we had chopped down that day. Then we got down the paper ornaments we had made during the evenings the week before. My mother carefully got the only crystal ornament we had — the symbolic star for the very tip of the stately tree. Everytime we saw the star, it reminded us of the star over the stable in Bethlehem so long ago that guided the wise men. After we finished decorating the tree, we set up the manager scene underneath the tree.

"For weeks we had been secretly working on our gift for each other — and also doing a little snooping. Christmas Eve we would bring our gifts out of hiding, and proudly place them under the tree. It made us stop and think that the reason we were giving gifts was because God gave us His gift of the Baby Jesus, and if it wasn't for His birth, we wouldn't even have a Christmas.

"Almost every year on Christmas Eve as we finished trimming the tree, some of our friends came over to sing Christmas carols outside the window. When they finished, we all sat down to hot chocolate and cookies and fruit cake my Mom had baked all the week before.

"Then we all would gather around the fireplace in the living room and listen to my dad read us the beautiful Christmas story from the Bible. And just before we went to bed, we all hung our stockings by the chimney with care, in hopes that St Nick. soon would be there.

"We always got up extra early on Christmas morning because we were too excited to sleep. We thought we faintly remembered hearing St. Nick's reindeer prancing on the roof and the tinkling of their sleighbells as they left in the lightly falling snow. We made a mad dash down the stairs to see what St. Nick had left us, and found our stockings filled with oranges, walnuts, and way down in the tip of the toe a brand new wooden toy soldier.

"After church, we went to my Grandma's for a feast. And we ate, and ate, till we were stuffed.

"Those were the good ole days," sighed Grandpa, as he lit his pipe, and gently looked at the sleeping boy in his arms.

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Is It Masculine To Be Scholarly

By Melva Lafrenz and Margo Frye

Today in schools throughout the country are students, especially boys, being discouraged socially from being scholarly? Just because a boy gets good grades and always has his work done, does this mean he can't be popular, too?

A completely developed personality — one needs to be the rugged, somewhat daring "All-American" type which is a natural desire of every boy — requires a vast knowledge gained through use of mental abilities. It must be realized that everyones mental capacities are God-given; it's His command to develop those talents; we weren't put here to be ornaments.

What would the reaction be if a boy replied when asked to go out for a sport or just an evening? "I can't, my schoolwork will suffer," or "Not tonight, big government test tomorrow." But why couldn't he combine the two activities? Impossible? Just take a look around. You'll notice that the students who excel socially, usually are outstanding scholastically, too. It takes more courage to do both and stand up for your beliefs than to be a conformist.

Boys ,you might argue that it's easier for a girl to apply herself because she isn't bothered with social pressure. However, did you ever realize that the great scholars applied themselves, and they were looked up to; there's no doubt about it.

Why not give the girls a "run for their money?" Don't readily take the back seat. Give everyone a little competition; it would add variety and interest. Colleges will take note. Tests prove you can do it, so get in there and fight. You might surprise yourself — and your teachers!

SHORT SHORTS

In the Home Economics class, while Shirley Vens was studying her government, she exclaimed, "I've lost my living room.' Editors Note: Shirley was referring to her house planning project.

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Bev Steward worriedly remarked that she still had to get her story for journalism and it was due that very day. Glenda LeMar consoled her by saying, "Oh, I'll help you — I'll tell you a really good story."

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Gary Edwoldt — you're slipping! Shirley Hansen already knows what she's getting from you for Christmas. She had a sneak preview in her dreams the other night — there was that gorgeous package and when Shirley opened it — Boy! What a surprise! Just what she always wanted — a tin adjustable "Huckleberry Hound ring" — the kind you get in the cereal boxes!

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While discussing the coming Yuletide season, Mr. Sible remarked, "We had the prettiest packages this year — we used all the bows from our wedding gifts.

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It seems that Dave Schaffer begins to work quite vigorously, but always winds up sleeping on the job in study hall. Up and at 'em, Dave, Miss Widigen is right behind you!

Administrators Attend Conference In Iowa City

Mr. Hahn, Mr. Heiler, and Mr. Anderson atended the 44th annual conference on school administration and supervision at the State University of Iowa, Iowa City, Tuesday, November 24.

The afternoon session discussed "Guidance Services", and according to the lecture "our guidance services are functioning quite well." "We are progressing in the RIGHT direction," commented Mr. Heiler. North Scott's guidance department will expand in the near future and there will be a full-time guidance counsellor for every three hundred students in the senior high.

The evening lecture was "Research Speaks on the Problems and Promise of Television in the Classroom." Dr. Hoyt, who has taught some of the faculty at North Scott, related that a student gains an advantage from educational programs up to the seventh grade, but after this period no advantages are received. The better students watch less television and better types of programs than the poorer students. Des Moines and Mason City are the only areas in Iowa which operate on educational television programs.

"A very interesting afternoon and evening", reported Mr. Heiler.

Two Week Calendar

December 24 to January 1
NO SCHOOL

January 4
Basketball — Bettendorf (There)
Band Boosters (8:00 p.m.)

January 5
Basketball — Washington (Here)

Science Club Members Name Fair Projects

Science Club members have declared preferences for their science fair projects to be completed during the third nine weeks. Anyone taking physics or chemistry is required to complete a project. If the project is of excellent caliber it will be eligible to go to the Annual Quint-Cities Science Fair. The Quint-Cities contest is just one of several preliminaries before the contest is held on the national level in San Francisco.

Subject matter for projects under consideration at North Scott are synthisis and analysis, explosives, rockets, electronics, mechanics, heat light and sound, inorganic chemistry, and crystallization.

Because every student is required to complete a project, the Science Club would like to have the work under the name of a school organization, so class projects for the fair have been turned over to the club.

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OF INTEREST TO TEENS
by
Bev Steward

Christmas is the season in which it is customary to give a gift of love or friendship. On the other hand, receiva gift is the same as giving one ,it has the thought behind it, or it should have!

Even ole Saint Nick can tell you that a person who receives a teency-weency gift will be as deeply touched as the person who gives an elaborate gift, or one that will take you the rest of the new year to pay for it. And who would be more experienced on the subject than the jolly man himself, Saint Nick? For heavens sake, don't let that ivy-league belt of his fool you for one minute. Behind it is not only a "'bowl full of jelly," but a "bowl full of ideas for the right way to Christmas spirit."

Say, for instance Nick knocks at your door, the easy way in, or slides down the chimney, which is three feet wide, Ho-Ho, with his hands full of nothing. Perhaps it would give you that unwanted feeling or the line of excuse, "Well, maybe I wasn't good all year, but I did try . . . a couple of times!"

Sounds corny doesn't it? But once again I say the point should be "giving gifts in the same proud thrill you feel every time you receive one." In other words, at least give him a cup of cocoa in return for nothing. That's the Christmas spirit.

I would like to say, also, that "money can't buy everything,' but we feel that it does come in a bit handy at times — don't we, wishers from way back when? Just the same, the thought behind a gift will mean as much.

Now for a closing thought of seriousness. "God gave us each a gift, and we know each gift had a "thought behind it." And that, my friends, is "giving without receiving, and still staying friends." Hi-Ho and Merry Christmas to all!

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Girls Will Ask Boys

Junior and senior girls met Tuesday, December 8, at 8:30 A.M. in the high school cafeteria to discuss plans for the forthcoming "girl-ask-boy" dance. The committees for this affair are as follows:

Refreshments: Carole Kruse - Senior Chairman, Linda Drenter - Junior Chairman, Nelda DeCock, Donna Barber and Joan McDaniel.

King: Delores Boyle - Senior Chairman, Marsha Kock - Junior Chairman, Mary Marti.

Rules and Orders: Nancy Boll - Senior Chairman, Joyce Werthmann - Junior Chairman, Barb Hamann, Carol Madden.

Flowers: Carolyn Tobey - Senior Chairman, Lana Marten - Junior Chairman, Eunice Peters, Sandy Vogt, Bev Amhof and Lois Staack.

Band: Sandy Ewoldt and Eleanor Schmalz.

Decorations and Theme: Zita Madden - Senior Chairman, Linda Hobart - Junior Chairman, Nancy Hamann, Evelyn Albrecht, Carolyn Arp, Sandy Cawiezell, Audrey Zogg and Marietta Holtz.

Invitations and Tickets: Lyn Evans - Senior Chairman, Lorna Tank - Junior Chairman, Barb Hamann.

Entertainment: Landa Kuster - Senior Chairman, Sandy Arp - Junior Chairman, Joyce Britton.

Fund Raising: Rita Holst - Senior Chairman, Mary Wiese - Junior Chairman, Bev Steward.

A suggestion box will be available for the girls to put their suggestions for the name of the dance. This name will be carried through every year. The girl who has the best entry will receive a free ticket for her date and herself.

ITED Results

Last fall, grades 9-12 participated in the Iowa Tests of Educational Development. These tests are given each year to check on the educational growth and development of students. Through these tests, teachers can see whether the student is progressing satisfactorily or developing more slowly, and in which subjects students need more improvement. The tests also help to determine future plans for the students.

The Iowa Tests were written by experienced educators and psychologists. These tests were designed to be too difficult for anyone to get a perfect paper; with this in mind from year to year, there is room for more improvement.

Percentile ranks are used to tell how one compares with students in other schools throughout the country and within his own high school. Percentile ranks tell what per cent of all students in the same grade made lower scores than he.

The tests also measure the four fundamentals of a general education: ability to understand and use the English language correctly; the ability to do everyday arithmetic reasoning; understanding the important part science plays in today, and the ability to think straight about scientific matters; the ability to understand the social problems of the day.

North Scott Holds First Barbeque

About 600 adults and children attended the barbeque on December 5 in the North Scott cafeteria. A bazaar and sock-hop were held during the beef dinner.

"The music department and Music Boosters Association were very pleased with the results of the barbeque, and we feel that the experience we have gained will benefit us and the community in future projects," commented Mr. Oberg, faculty advisor.

Beef, barbeque sauce, and buns were sold after the dinner due to the anticipated crowd. Cole slaw was donated to the Annie Wittenmyer Home in Davenport.

The barbeque was planned by the executive board from the music department and an adult committee from the Music Boosters Association. The committee chairmen were: waiters and waitresses, Dolores Boyle; coat check, Mari Marti; publicity, Dave Barnet and Myrna Keppy; tickets, Melva Lafrenz.

New Pep Club Cards Coming

It was announced that new pep club cards would be coming soon. Dues will be 15c for those members who still have last year's card and 25c for those members who need new cards. They also discussed having a membership drive, and setting up a pep club section.

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FHA, FFA Go Caroling

Strains of "Silent Night," "Jingle Bells," and other yuletide songs will be heard in Eldridge on December 19 as the FFA and FHA groups of North Scott go Christmas caroling.

A business meeting will be held by both groups in their respective rooms at North Scott before meeting to go to Eldridge.

After Eldridge has been treated to many carols in the spirit of the yuletide season, participants will be treated to cookies and hot chocolate in the home-ec room.

Mr. Schmidt, ag teacher, and Mrs. Hoopman, home ec instructor, sponsoring the event, are looking forward to trying it this year, and if succesful, will go again next year.

JR. HIGH PROGRAM THIS AFTERNOON

The junior high student council has planned a Christmas program for this afternoon to take place in the gym from 1:30-2:30.

Mr. Reeder, the junior high student council advisor, said that the program would consist of a play given by section 8-A, the presentation of gifts to a representative of a charitable home, a pantomime given by section 7-A, and songs by the junior high students, directed by Mr. Oberg.

The large Christmas tree at the west end of the junior high wing was set up by the student council.

"Santa Claus will be there too, passing out treats — probably candy canes," said Mr. Reeder. He went on to say that "each junior high student brought a small wrapped Christmas gift to put in the boxes that will be presented to a representative at the program."

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PARENT — TEACHER NIGHT SUCCESSFUL

It was a great success, and we may make it an annual affair," was Principal Melvin Heiler's first comment when asked about the results of the Parent-Teacher Night at North Scott, on December 7.

"There were approximately 300 parents here," Mr. Heiler continued, "however, I believe most of them were junior students parents."

Many people remarked about how "nice" the building was, and what a "friendly faculty" is employed.

Preceding the open-house, which was sponsored by the North Scott junior-senior high school PTA there was a brief business meeting.

The evening was divided into six fifteen-minute periods, representing the average school day. The parents follow-class schedule on it and went from one class to another. At the end of each "class," a bell rang and the parents went to the next class. Student council members were in the halls to give assistance in locating rooms.

The object of this Parent-Teacher Night was to allow the parents to meet the teachers and become acquainted with class procedure.

Following the class visitation, coffee and cookies were served by the PTA.

Spanish Classes Offer Babysetting Clinic

A babysitting clinic will be available during school functions in the high school home ec rooms.

As the second money making project the girls in the Spanish II class are babysitting during school functions. This will be a baby sitting clinic held in the home ec room at the high school.

One teacher plus two or three girls will always be in the clinic with the children. For their entertainment, toys and games may be played with, a story read, or any other things the children wish to do which is within reason.

The first clinic was on December 4 and it will be held during all of the following school functions:

1. **All soph and varsity home ball games.**
2. **Future plays and band concerts.**
3. **All PTA meetings held in the high school building.**

The cost is only 35c an hour for one child plus 5c an hour for each of the other children in a family. All children up to the age of 12 are welcome.

A profit of $85 was obtained from the Christmas card sales. The girls would like to say "thank you" to those who helped them in their first project.

Area I P.T.A. Held Dec. 21

Area I P.T.A. held its regular meeting Monday, December 21 at 8 p.m. at the Princeton School.

The Citizens Committee reported on the proposed elementary school building program.

Mrs. Smith's fourth grade presented a Christmas program under the direcion of Mrs. Sierk, music teacher.

Lunch Line Patrol Started

Decided in a recent student council meeting was a patrol to correct the lunch line congestion.

Proposed was that student council members are respected students with leadership ability watch each of the two lunch lines in the two senior high lunch hours. Persons cutting in line, shoving, or picking on the little kids would relinquish their place in line in favor of the end position.

Despite some pessimistic views on the proposition, optimism carried the motion at the meeting. The plan was set up on a trial basis for the first week in December with provisions to discontinue it after that time if it proved dissatisfactory.

General opinion has favored the patrol. Remarks as, "I like it," "The line moves faster now," and one seemingly happy girl said, "Now that I don't have to fight for a place in line, I'm not as hungry—and I've lost two pounds!"

A program is being set up whereby patrolees will serve about once every four or five weeks, should the patrol be continued. Sandy Long, student council member and patrollee admitted, "Even though I was scared the first day, maybe the kids were scared of me, 'cause I didn't have any trouble!"

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Quill and Scroll Members Announced

Mr. Sible announced Tuesday, December 8, that seven students from the journalism department have been recommended for membership in the National Quill and Scroll Honor Society for their journalistic accomplishments. Miss Widigen nominated Cynthia Oetzmann and Dennis Stutzel for writing achievements on the annual.

Students eligible are Lyn Evans, Margo Frye, Carole Hoffmann, Melva Lafrenz, Zita Madden, seniors; and Sandy Ewoldt, junior. Dave Barnet and Shirley Stender were accepted as members last year. These recommendations must be approved by the national secretary who has his headquarters at the State University of Iowa, Iowa City.

Once students are accepted, they may become a member if they submit a membership admission fee of $1.50. This entitles Quill and Scroll members to lifetime membership in the organization and a year's subscription to the Quill and Scroll Magazine. The association also offers aid in securing scholarships.

A junior or senior in the upper third of his class scholastically, having done superior work in school publications, who has been recommended by his supervisor and approved by the Executive Secretary may become a member of the National Honor Society with a merit in journalism.

Mr. Sible revealed, "This year's Quill and Scroll members have a lot of potential. I hope they have the desire to develop it into a functioning organization."

Disappointing Crowd

The North Scott band held its first formal band concert Tuesday, December 8, at 8:00 p.m. The program, directed by Mr. Bakehouse, band instructor, included eleven numbers. Two solos were played by Wayne Fisher on the trombone and Phyllis Sawyer on the saxaphone.

"I was very proud of my students, for they played an outstanding performance. I thought, however, that North Scott, being a new school would want to back their band much more than the attendance shown Tuesday night. Many of the students expressed disappointment in the small crowd. I realize that there were many activities going on that week, but I hope that at our next concert we receive a full house! The students deserve it!"

Home EC Projects Show Variety

Freshman girls in home economic classes are required to do Christmas projects which will consist of three parts: home decorations, gifts, and Christmas candy. This project is to be original.

Home decorations consist of Christmas wreaths and candles in various sizes and shapes. A greater share of the girls' Christmas gifts are knitted scarfs and North Scott mascots.

Girls with seventh period study halls for their own interests and for ideas for Christmas presents are learning how to knit and croche under the direction of Mrs. Hoopman, home economics teacher. This work is all being done out of class.

At the beginning of the year, freshman girls made toys which are now being used in the baby-sitting clinic at the high school, and which will be used in the training school later in the year.

Home Ec. II class projects are to sew a complete outfit, of which part is to be wool. This is in preparation for the style show to be held in the spring.

Planning dream homes is home ec. III's class project. Each girl makes a booklet of house plans for her home in the future.

Nine Lancers Become J.A.er's

Junior Achievement is a national organization to which high school students may belong. This organization is set up and run in such a manner as to give young people experience and an understanding of business.

A business company or several business companies of a city such as Davenport sponsor Junior Achievement. Each company sponsors one division of the Junior Achievement chapter in their city. They send several advisors to help the JAers.

A Junior Achievement company is begun by selling common stock to raise a capital in order to produce a product. As the stock is being sold, the members (board of directors) of the company decide on a product, which they will produce and sell. When the capital is achieved, raw materials are purchased; production takes place; and sales follow. At the end of a period, usually seven or nine months, the company pays its stockholders and dissolves.

Many problems arise throughout the life of the company. The officers, production and sales managers, and advisors help the members to solve these problems and then to carry on.

There is a chapter of JA in Davenport to which students from Bettendorf, North Scott, and Davenport High belong. They have their own building at their meetings and work shops. It is equipped with most of the necessary tools needed for the products produced by the JA companies.

Over the Thanksgiving holidays, a one day leadership workshop was held in Peoria. Two bus loads of students from conference. Among them were four North Scott students, Frances Kreiter, Barb Stoffen, Don Shipley, and Pam Snyder. During Christmas vacation a four-day national convention will be held in Indianapolis. A few students from North Scott are also planning to attend this event.

Junior achievement is not only all work, but it is fun too. Not only do you learn more about business, but you make new friends from other schools. Next year when North Scott students are given the opportunity to sign up for this organization, put your name down.

If you are interested in joining yet this year, get in touch with Mr. Richard Mariot, for there are openings in some of the J.A. companies for more members. That one night a week will be worth your while.

Charge Through!

Charge through!

That's what students have to do in the morning or at noon when they walk around the northeast corner of the gymnasium. Why? Because there is always a large group of people using the parallel bars.

"It was put up for the use of the gym classes, both boys and girls, to develop upper arm and back muscles," Coach Mc Cleary said, when he was asked about them.

It consists of an adjustable bar about an inch in diameter which can be moved up and down on two upright bars about seven to eight feet high.

There are many exercises which can be performed on a bar of this sort. Chin-ups, a muscle-up, hand stands, rolls, and other acrobatics are good bar exercises.

This is the latest piece of equipment the school has acquired to occupy the time of the gym classes.

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EDITORS NOTE

Since only two elementary schools submitted news there is no elementary news this issue. In the future, we would appreciate more news from the elementary schools.

Music Department Presents Concerts

The vocal music groups presented a Christmas concert on December 16, at 8:00 p.m.

There was one soloist, Dolores Boyle, accompanied by the Girls Glee Club. The mixed chorus, male chorus, and junior high chorus also participated.

No admission was charged, but free will donations were asked for.

The Oswald Uniform Company of Cedar Rapids will be present on Monday, January 4, at 8 p.m. at the Music Boosters regular meeting in the North Scott cafeteria. They will have on display uniforms for inspection. Any questions members might have will be answered.

"The enthusiasm is mounting as one of our senior-high students has been measured, and the Bradford Company of Davenport is making a sample uniform."

"Circle your calendar now and plan to be in atendance; all parents and students are welcome to attend," remarked Mrs. James Mohr, chairman of the uniform committee.

Biology Club Elects Officers

Eleven members attended the first meeting of the 1959-60 school year Biology Club.

Officers were elected. They are: President: Trudy Lantau, Vice President: Les Koch, Secretary: Mary Ann Strobbe, and Treasurer: Bonnie Meinert. Gene Olson is the group advisor.

A constitution was designed and the decision was made to invite all biology students doing "C" work in the course to attend the next meeting. This will be a Christmas Party to be held Dec. 16.

The members present were charter members. Only those students receiving "B" or above grades in biology are eligible for charter membership.

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The Open Book

— SCOTT COUNTY LIBRARY —

At Christmas time our thoughts turn to the little town of Bethlehem, the swaying palms, the shepherds, and the camels of the Holy Land. It is the birthplace of Christ. It is also the birthplace of three of the world's great religions: Christianity, Judaism, and Islam.

One in search of age-old tradition, folk custom, folk song, and an opportunity to 'rub elbows' with Eastern life travels at this season of the year to the village where Christ was born to become part of an imposing pageant, rich in brilliant and clashing color, royal dignity, hushed and anticipated excitement, overwhelming joy, renewed understanding, courage and determination, and contagious gaiety.

From: Song of the Arab

Not all of us have the opportunity to go on this pilgrimage, but books can take us there in spirit. So with the sounds of Christmas carols ringing in our ears and the joyous feeling of good will to all men in our hearts, let's travel to the Holy Land and learn of the religions born there.

First stop is Palestine and the city of Jerusalem. The story of the Christian Arabs in Palestine is an interesting one. Rolla Foley tells it well in SONG OF THE ARAB. Covering the several groups embraced by the Christian Arabs - Eastern Orthodox, Roman Catholic, and Protestant, the author describes all of their widely varying ceremonies from the beauty and joyous excitement of Christmas to the quiet simplicity of the footwashing ceremony. All of the many biblical sites, churches, and shrines of the Holy Land are discussed. The beautiful folk music of the Christian Arabs is also explained and the melodies of some forty songs are given.

From the ancient customs of Palestine we travel to modern Israel, a new land with old traditions of a somewhat different sort. MY VILLAGE IN ISRAEL by Sonia and Tim Gidal takes us there with words and pictures. In Israel Judaism is the main religion - and so some of the Jewish celebrations are described. Herman Wouk's THIS IS MY GOD explains these celebrations and their history in a clear and interesting manner. Mr. Wouk discusses not only his own personal faith, but also the meaning and significance of Jewish beliefs to Jews of varying faith. Finally he takes us to Israel and points out the modern movements within the old faith, and the vivid paradoxes of the new land of Israel.

Just as not all Israelis are Jews, so not all Arabs are Christians - the majority of the Arabs are Moslems and their religion, Islam, also was born in the Holy Land. Robert Payne tells us the story of Islam from Muhammad its prophet to the present in THE HOLY SWORD. Mainly a history of the Arabs, the book also explains the beliefs of Islam and takes us to some of the famous mosques such as the Taj Mahal.

STRANGE LANDS AND FRIENDLY PEOPLE by William Douglas gives an added picture of all the peoples of the Holy Land region as they are today, while Terrien's LANDS OF THE BIBLE describes the region as it was in ancient times.

The religions of all these people and others besides are described by the editors of Life in THE WORLD'S GREAT RELIGIONS.

Electives on Parade

Journalism is one of the many elective courses offered to students at North Scott High. A combination of sixteen juniors and seniors make up this year's class.

Journalism is writing for print. Students learn to report the news as it occurs and to write it with proper grammatical usage. Past years of English courses are put to work as students report the news. Although regular text book assignments are made, the course is really a "learn-as-you-do" course.

North Scott's sixteen student journalists, under the direction of Mr. Howard Sible, publish a bi-weekly newspaper, a yearly magazine, and learn the fundamentals of journalism.

A typical week's work includes: finding and reporting the news, actual writing of stories, editing stories, copyreading, proofreading, and counting and distributing the 1,800 papers to elementary grades and to the junior and senior high school. Last fall experience was to be had in selling advertisements to help support the Lance.

Panels for Projects

Recent class projects were panels on subjects relating to specialized fields in journalism. Magazine publication problems, and art and layout designs were discussed. Opportunities in the field of journalism were also considered.

Zita Madden, news editor for the Lance, and her panel, Shirley Stender, Linda Hobart and Bev Steward discuss layouts, pictures, printing, style, and the importance of covers in student publications.

Melva Lafrenz, editor of the Lance, headed her panel of Joyce Werthman, Pam Snyder, and Carole Hoffmann, and discussed with the class the place journalism has in the high school curriculum and possible job opportunities after high school and college graduation.

Dave Barnet, editor of the school magazine, with his panel of Sandra Vogt, Lyn Evans, Jerry Parrott, and Mary Marti discussed the problems of magazine publication. Among those problems discussed were: what age group to include in the writings, cost of publication and cost of the finished product.

Another recent project for the whole class was to print a style book. This book contains facts and suggestions as to how a story should appear in print.

Annual Sales End Ad Sales Pushed

With the completion of the '60 Shield sales, work on the yearbook itself is underway.

Purchased for the use of typing the annual page mats was an electric "elite" typewriter. Mats on the six jr-sr. high grades were completed at a work night Wednesday, December 9. A discount is taken off for every mat sent to the printing company before a specific deadline.

"Saving money," said Shirley Stender, "is our main problem.' She went on to say that last year's annual staff went over their budget, and the annual may be discontinued next year if the budget isn't heeded. "Our sale of ads is lagging as we have only reached the halfway mark. The ads are the Yearbook's only means of suport, so it is important that we get them,' she said.

Members of the annual staff must circulate and sell ads in their spare time besides doing school work and other extra-curricular activities in which they take part. Ads are primarily sold to business firms in the North Scott area.

Eldridge Co-op Lumber Yard
Phone 5-9691
Eldridge, Iowa

Eldridge Turner Hall
"Where Good Friends Meet"

Freshmen Win

North Scott's Freshman B Squad made a smashing victory over Maquoketa, Monday, December 7 with a score of 27-32.

After the B Squad's win, the A Squad lost to Maquoketa by one point.

The score at the end of the first quarter was 9-11, Maquoketa's lead; the halftime score, in Maquoketa's favor, was 16-23; the third quarter's score was 26-33, Maquoketa's advantage. With three minutes and fifteen seconds left, North Scott took the lead 38-37, but Maquoketa made two more baskets to defeat the LANCERS, 40-41.

LANCERS Bag 75 Points

The second victory of the season for the LANCERS was gained December 11, when they defeated Prairie in the North Scott gym.

The final score, which was 75-57 in North Scotts favor, was the most points that the LANCERS had ever made in their brief history. Eldon Koch alone scored 21 points.

"Dick Helble scored 19 points," reported the coach, "and for the first time this year, he played up to his last year's ability."

Lancers Have Victory

North Scott LANCERS chalked up their first victory of the season against St. Marys of Clinton on Friday, December 4.

Up until Friday night, LANCERS had ben submitting to opposing teams because of more skill in free throws and advantages in height.

Last year when the LANCERS played the Irish on December 4, North Scott was defeated by a wide margin because the Clinton players were all over six feet.

This year, however, the LANCERS charged through St. Marys to beat them 67-57.

Varsity to Clash With Washington

Charging Lancers will clash with Washington High School on Tuesday night, January 5, at the North Scott High School gymnasium. This will be the Lancer's ninth game of the season.

As to the chances of defeating Wash- a number of their team is back from last year, including their star — 'Leeper'. Their ability can be ranked with DeWitt's.

North Scott Suffers Defeat

Hays Catholic Musketeers stopped North Scotts two game winning streak with a 44-40 break through.

North Scott led after the first quarter and held a several point lead at various times during the game but were behind at halftime by 2 points.

Having the advantage of height over the Hays players failed to help the Lancers win the game. The Lancers scored as follows: Helble 7, E. Koch 11, Parrott 6, Meyer 7, L. Koch 4, Horne 1, Ewoldt 4.

Athletic Boosters Hold Elections

North Scott's Athletic Boosters, Inc. held an election of officers and board members, retaining most of the temporary officers, with the exception of Leonard Schultz, who was elected a new board member.

After the organization is completely established, one annual meeting will be held for all members. General meetings may be called by the president if needed.

Most business transactions will be handled by the twelve board members, of which the officers are considered. There are three board members from each school area. Letters will be sent to all members on important decisions made by the board.

The Athletic Boosters back various athletic functions. Their first project was the selling of season basketball tickets, which amounted to $1,000 in "sales". "This is quite an improvement over $250 sold in football season tickets, which wasn't sponsored by the Association," commented Mr. Oles. In the future the Association plans to sponsor the "faculty and fathers vs. varsity players" game and the Athletic Banquet. They will also sponsor other events to raise money. Most of the money made will be used to purchase equipment for the athletic department which isn't provided for in school funds.

Varsity Defeated

The LANCERS fell to the DeWitt De-Hawks, 57 to 47, December 1, in DeWitt's gymnasium.

Due to injury and fouling out, Les and Eldon Koch played about half the game. Top scorer for the LANCERS was Steve Horne with 19 points.

"We scored four more field goals than DeWitt, but they had 25 free throws compared to our 7," commented Coach Nelson.

Frosh Lancers Vs. Bulldogs

On January fourth, the LANCERS will attempt to avenge the loss on November 30, 41-39.

This will be their fifth game of the season. The game will be played in the Bulldogs gymnasium; one factor in their favor; but the LANCERS have a few inches of height over Bettendorf, so the teams will be fairly evenly matched, which should result in a good basketball game.

Lancers Bow To Knights

North Scott took a hard defeat from the Assumption Knights, Saturday, November 28, with a final score of 85-62.

The LANCER'S center, Eldon Koch, was the high scorer for North Scott, with a total of 23 points. Two of the Assumption players also bagged 23 points each.

Les Koch was North Scott's second high scorer—bringing home 14 points.